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SUBJECT: IMF INTERIM AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: KINGSTON 4239

DEPT PASS TREASURY

1. WE UNDERSTAND U.S. DELEGATION TO JANUARY 4-10 IMF MEETING IN KINGSTON MAY CONSIST OF 40 PERSONS INCLUDING POSSIBLY SECRETARY OF TREASURY AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. ASSUME ANY WIVES ACCOMPANYING NOT INCLUDED IN THAT ESTIMATE. JANUARY IS ONE OF PEAK MONTHS IN TOURIST SEASON AND HOTEL SPACE ALREADY EXTREMELY TIGHT, ESPECIALLY IN NORTH COAST RESORT AREAS. WE UNDERSTAND HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR DELEGATION MAY ALREADY BE MADE, BUT REQUEST CONFIRMATION SOONEST. PLEASE ADVISE IF ACCOMMODATION WILL BE REQUIRED AT RESORT AREAS BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER CONFERENCE, AND WHO IS HANDLING THESE ARRANGEMENTS. IN LARGE AMOUNTS OF SPACE REQUIRED, RECOMMEND RESERVATIONS BE MADE FROM WASHINGTON.

2. PROTOCOL OFFICE AT MINEXTAFF IS HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS  
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ON BEHALF OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE. ECONOFF HAS BEEN

INFORMED MOST DELEGATES WILL BE HOUSED IN NEW KINGSTON AREA AT EITHER SHERATON OR PEGASUS, AND THAT CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT PEGASUS. ARRANGEMENTS EXPECTED TO BE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE AND PREVIOUS LARGE MEETINGS HELD HERE.

3. EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION PLANNING ON BRINGING WIVES SHOULD BE MADE AWARE KINGSTON A HIGH CRIME AREA WITH PURSE SNATCHING, MUGGING, AND OTHER FORMS OF ASSAULT FREQUENT OCCURRENCES IN DAYLIGHT HOURS EVEN IN AREAS AROUND BEST HOTELS. MOVEMENT AFTER DARK RESTRICTED AND DANGEROUS. BEYOND THIS CONSIDERATION, THERE IS LITTLE FOR A TOURIST TO SEE OR DO IN THE KINGSTON AREA.

4. EMBASSY LOCATED 30-45 MINUTES FROM NEW KINGSTON WHERE MOST DELEGATES WILL BE HOUSED AND CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE NORMAL CONTROL ROOM SERVICES BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE ON SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS. IT WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE EMBASSY TWO TDY COMMUNICATOR PERSONNEL AND SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE. TWO ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATORS WOULD PERMIT 24 HOUR SERVICE. LEVEL OF SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED WILL DEPEND ON COMPOSITION DELEGATION, I.E. IF DELEGATION ESSENTIALLY SELF RELIANT, ONE ADDITIONAL TDY SECRETARY SHOULD BE ADEQUATE.

5. WITH REFERENCE TO MOTOR POOL, PRESENT VEHICLE SITUATION INADEQUATE EVEN FOR NORMAL EMBASSY OPERATIONS. WE WILL THEREFORE REQUIRE AUTHORITY AND FUNDING TO LEASE CHAUFFEURED CARS TO THE EXTENT DELEGATION REQUIRES READILY AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION. TAXI AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WHOLLY INADEQUATE.

6. WHEN WILL ADVANCE MAN OR PARTY ARRIVE?

7. LENDING URGENCY TO OUR REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE IS FACT EMBASSY WILL BE THOROUGHLY OCCUPIED IN DECEMBER AND EARLY JANUARY WITH A TWO-WEEK INSPECTION, AND POSSIBLY OTHER HIGH LEVEL VISITORS.  
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